

Chapter 5: Conclusions

Pacific salmon are a significant asset to watersheds and regions across the West Coast of the United States. Their presence brings considerable economic, aesthetic, and ecological value and contributes to a cultural identity and sense of stewardship. The intricate life cycle of Pacific salmon spans several types of habitat and environments closely linked with human presence and activity. For these reasons, and the intrinsic value of the species, the PCSRF has been working closely with state, tribal, and local partners to help reverse the declining trend in abundance of many Pacific salmon stocks observed over the past several decades.

The PCSRF is committed to restoring and conserving salmon habitat, conducting assessments, developing recovery plans, monitoring, educating, and developing more effective management practices to help overall sustainability of both ESA-listed and non-listed Pacific

salmon. The chart displayed in Exhibit 5-1 shows the allocation of funds, including state-matching funds, by program category to over 6,400 state and tribal projects. Exhibit 5-2 depicts the distribution of these various projects throughout the Pacific Coast region.

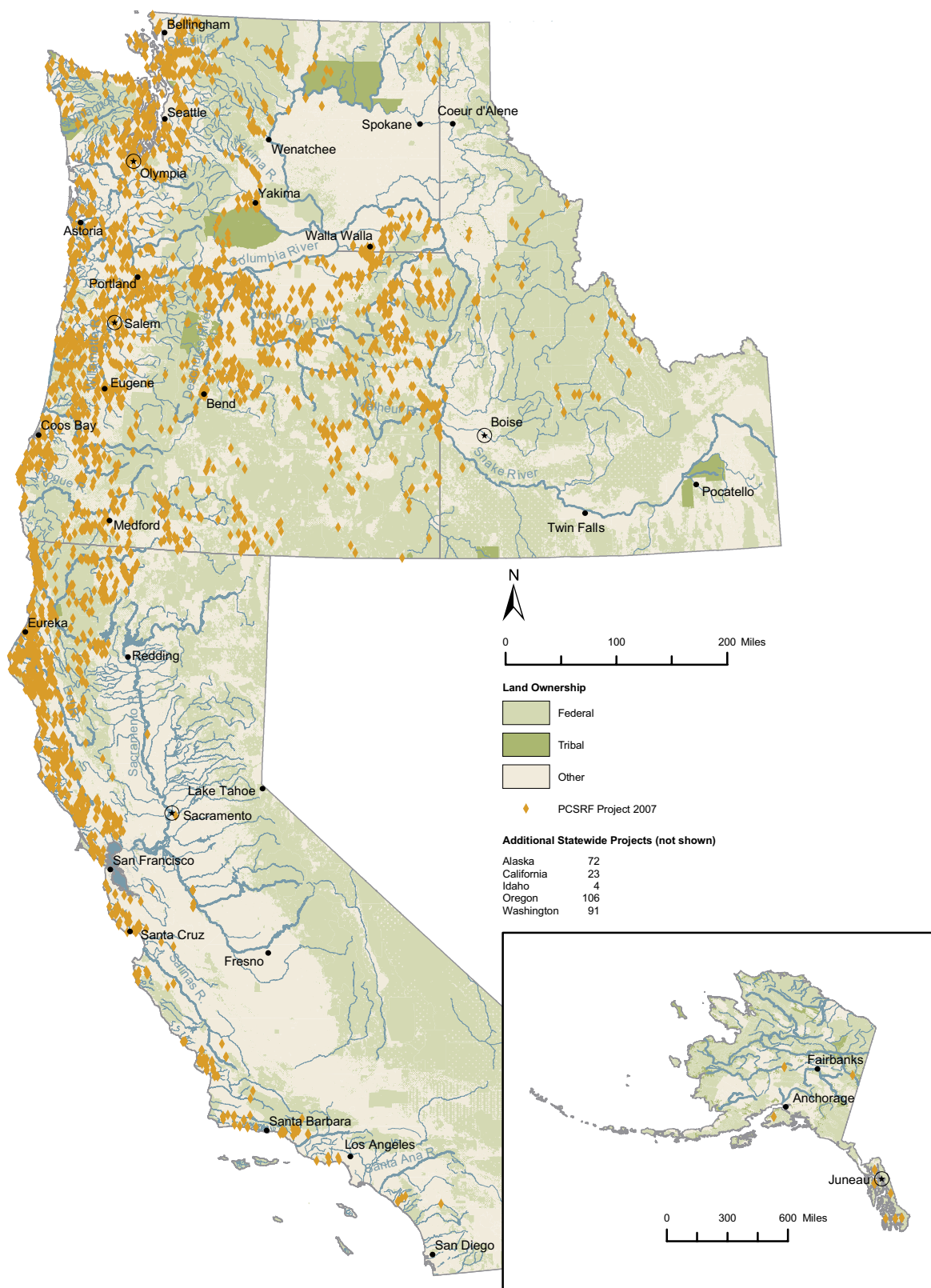
While implementing projects to restore salmon, the PCSRF has concurrently developed and refined measures for assessing program performance. Through this process, NMFS and the states and tribes have developed a Framework to track results of the PCSRF and progress toward the desired outcomes of salmon recovery and conservation. The program is currently entering a second phase of performance measures and is developing a more rigorous monitoring and evaluation effort. The next step will further the collection of data and foster organization of broader monitoring efforts across the Pacific Coast region to contribute to assessing both

Exhibit 5-1: PCSRF Federal and State-Matching Funds Committed by Program Category (in millions)*

	Funds for Habitat Protection & Restoration (3,489 projects)	Funds for Watershed Assessment & Sub-basin Planning (1,298 projects)	Funds for Research, Monitoring, Enhancement, & Education (1,551 projects)
Washington	\$135.41	\$62.03	\$40.08
Oregon	\$117.60	\$35.99	\$47.78
California	\$87.85	\$23.12	\$20.45
Idaho	\$11.67	\$0.87	\$1.38
Alaska	\$4.64	\$11.68	\$105.59
Columbia River Tribes	\$6.01	\$1.47	\$8.71
Pacific Coastal Tribes	\$6.46	\$17.50	\$19.97
Total PCSRF Federal and State-Matching Funds	\$369.64	\$152.66	\$243.96
Total PCSRF Federal Funds	\$167.72	\$112.01	\$203.41
Total State-Matching Funds	\$201.92	\$40.65	\$40.55

* As noted previously, validation and quality control procedures on the PCSRF database may result in changes from previously reported numbers.

Exhibit 5-2: PCSRF Projects Throughout the Region





region-wide and recovery domain-specific measures. This will include information such as the following:

- » Trends in area, distribution, and types of habitat
- » Trends in quality of habitat
- » Trends in instream flow and water temperatures
- » Trends in riparian vegetation and canopy cover
- » Trends in amount of accessible habitat

This continual improvement and refinement in the assessment of program performance will enhance the allocation

of resources from the PCSRF. NMFS, states, and tribes are committed to making this effort and sustaining Pacific Coast salmon populations. Through the evolution of the program, the PCSRF state and tribal partners and NMFS continue to develop and implement recovery plans that provide direction and accountability for effective use of PCSRF to achieve the full recovery and restoration of Pacific salmon populations.